ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

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The invention provides a combination, comprising an allosteric alkyne inhibitor of MMP-13, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, with a selective inhibitor of COX-2, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, that is not celecoxib or valdecoxib. This invention also provides a method of treating a disease that is responsive to inhibition of MMP-13 and cyclooxygenase-2, comprising administering to a patient suffering from such a disease the invention combination comprising an allosteric alkyne inhibitor of MMP-13, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, with a selective inhibitor of COX-2, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, that is not celecoxib or valdecoxib. This invention also provides a pharmaceutical composition, comprising the invention combination comprising an allosteric alkyne inhibitor of MMP-13, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, with a selective inhibitor of COX-2, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, that is not celecoxib or valdecoxib, and a 15 pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, diluent, or excipient. This invention also provides a combination comprising an NSAID, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, and an allosteric alkyne inhibitor of MMP-13, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof. This invention also provides a pharmaceutical composition, comprising the invention combination comprising an allosteric 20 alkyne inhibitor of MMP-13, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, with an NSAID, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, diluent, or excipient. This invention also provides a method of treating a disease that is responsive to inhibition of MMP-13 and cyclooxygenase-1 or cyclooxygenase-2, comprising administering to a patient suffering from such 25 a disease the invention combination comprising an allosteric alkyne inhibitor of MMP-13, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, with an NSAID, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof. The invention combinations may also be further combined with other pharmaceutical agents depending on the disease 30 being treated.